

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Claims 5-9 and 23-34 are currently pending in this application. Claims 9, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 33 and 34 now include a proper status identifier.

Applicants would also like to correct a typographical error which appears at page 5 of the response filed June 7, 2004. The response states: "As Applicants believe that the instant rejection may be properly applied to amended claims 6 and 7" The statement should indicate that Applicants do not believe the rejection may be properly applied to amended claims 6 and 7.

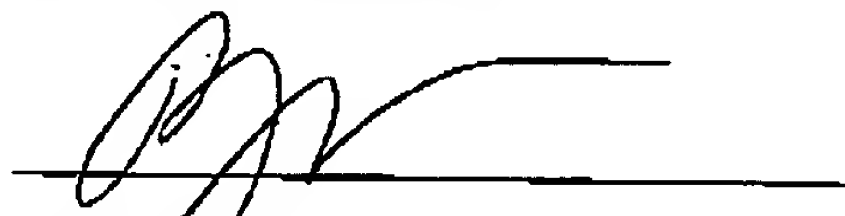
Consideration and entry of this document is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicants respectfully maintain that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. It is requested that a Notice of Allowance for these claims be issued as soon as possible. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned with any questions and/or comments.

Respectfully submitted,
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